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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT OF EGYPT'S BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS

1. PLEASE ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES THAT
PRESIDENT SADAT'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FINANCING FROM ARAB
AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR EGYPT'S IMPORTS DURING 1976 ARE
FALLING SHORT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF
EGYPTIAN POLITICAL STABILITY, DESPITE A NEARLY THREE-FOLD
INCREASE IN U.S. ECONOMIC AID. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE
IT URGENT TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE
AND OTHER LEADING NATIONS ON ECONOMIC AID MEASURES THAT
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MIGHT TAKE TO PREVENT UNDERMINING
OF EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEM. WE ALSO BELIEVE THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRES STEADFAST AND BROAD
INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE, ESPECIALLY THROUGH
ECONOMIC AID ASSOCIATED WITH ITS IMF-DESIGNED STABILIZA-
TION PROGRAM.

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2. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF FOREIGN MINISTER COULD
RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON IN PARIS FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONSULTATION ON THESE TWO MATTERS. ROBINSON PLANS TO

ATTEND THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS MARCH 11-12 AND WILL BE
SEEING FROMENT-MEURICE MID-DAY MARCH 11.

3. ADVISE. KISSINGER

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